

Asking Your Patients About the Impact of Narcolepsy



These questions may help you gain insight into the impact of ongoing symptoms on your patients living with narcolepsy.



Daily Activities

How has narcolepsy affected your ability to...

- Practice hygiene and self care (e.g., bathing)?^{1,2}
- Watch a program or movie without dozing?^{2,3}
- Sit and read without feeling sleepy?^{3,4}
- Stay awake during a conversation?⁵



Neurocognitive Functioning

Do you find that you have trouble...

- Remembering things or concentrating?⁶
- Making decisions?⁴
- Staying focused on a task?^{4,7}



Driving and Occupational Safety

Have you ever felt sleepy or fallen asleep while driving or operating a motor vehicle?^{1,8}



Mood and Mental Health

Have you experienced any effects on your mood or mental health, like...

- Depression, anxiety, or ADHD symptoms?^{9,10}
- Sadness, embarrassment, or irritability?^{1,2}
- Being unable to experience a full range of emotions?¹



Social Functioning

How do your symptoms affect your...

- Interactions with family and friends?¹
- Ability to make and keep plans?¹¹
- Interpersonal or intimate relationships?²



Productivity

Has narcolepsy affected your...

- Academic performance?⁵
- Employment and career?⁵

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